THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) a.nd (b) The fpl-lowmg contract awarded to M/s. WMJ Craneg Ltd., Bombay is awaiting comjiie tion as on 1-9-1987.

Company	For Supply of	In collaboration with
Neyveli Ligiite Corporation	2 Mps- of 20000 tonnes per hour capacity spreaders for the second mine expansion project.	MAN. FRG

The performance of the above contract by MAN/WM1 is proceeding as per scjie-dule.

(c) Does not arts*.

shortage of coal a Party

3137. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister OF ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether tbe Centra) Government are aware that a large number of industries in the Punjab State have been critically affected due to shortage of coal in the State;

$$ whether the Punjab Government has time and again urged the Cental Gvernment to provide student quantum .of coal to the State Government; and

Ic) if so what is the reaction of the Central Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRl VASANT SATHE); (a) to (c) Reference* have been received from the Government of Punjab in the matter of coal supplies to the State.

Coal desnatches to Punjab has been in-creasing over years as would be from the following table:

(In lakh tonnes)

Year	Core Sector			Non-core Sector			Dump	Soft Coke	Hard Coke	Total
	Power	Fertili-zer	Paper & Other	Textile Rayon	BRK					
1984-85	21-98	3-72	()•12	0-17	6-60		0-33	0 27	0-61	33 7*
1985-86	30-37	5-95	0 1 5	0 2 6	10-39		0-40	0 26	0- 82	48.60
1086-87	3610	4.80	,0-27	0-39	J / 0 8		0 14	0 18	0 70	53.58
1987-88 (April-September)	15-51	2-20	0 1 0	0 1 6	4-50		014	004	0 37	23 02

Coal India is also operating a number of stockyards in th$_e$ State of Punjab. Due to better availability in these stockyards, additional offers Were made to the State and Central sponsoring Authorities for release of coal to the industrial buyers of the State to meet exigency.